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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1713
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi YAMADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/695,317

Confirmation No.: 1183

Filed: October 25, 2000

For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND TIRE

Docket No: Q59785

Group Art Unit: 1713

Examiner: Robert D. Harlan

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003. A Petition for an Extension of Time is being concurrently filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

- SUB*
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1. (Amended) A rubber composition comprising:
a rubber component selected from the group consisting of at least one of natural rubber
and a diene-based synthetic rubber; and